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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for slow progress in the implementation of the National Capital Region Scheme;

(b) the current status of the implemented Scheme;

(c) the target set for the completion of its implementation; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for early implementation of the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) has been constituted under the NCRPB Act, 1985 inter alia, for preparation of a plan for the development of the National Capital Region. The Board prepared the Regional Plan-2001 which was notified in January, 1989 and Regional Plan-2021 notified on 17.9.2005. The policies and principles outlined in the Regional Plan are implemented by the State Governments of the constituent states. With a view to accelerate the development of infrastructure in the NCR, the Board also provides interest bearing loan assistance to the constituent State Governments and their implementing agencies upto 75% of the cost of infrastructure project. Till date the Board has provided financial assistance for 215 such projects in the NCR with a total estimated cost of Rs.8614.70 crore.

The positive impact of the implementation of the policies and planning for the National Capital Region is indicated by the fall in the decadal growth rate of NCT of Delhi from 51.45% in 1981-91 to 47.02% in 1991-2001.

(c): Regional Planning is a continuous process. The Regional Plan-2021 has already been notified on 17.9.2005. Functional Plans and Sub-regional Plans are also drawn up for different sectors and sub regions respectively from time to time.

(d): The NCR Planning Board has recently decided to provide various incentives in the form of rebate on interest on the loan provided to the State Governments/Implementing Agencies in the NCR, for taking up infrastructure projects. The Board has also decided to support studies to examine the feasibility of setting up of new townships in the Region. Studies on the power and water resource sectors are also expected to help in identifying large regional projects.